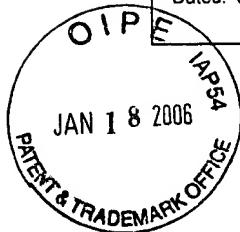


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 12 September 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 12 December 2005. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 12 January 2006 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims were rejected and the rejection was made final. The following amendment and discussion address the outstanding bases for rejection. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.